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Aerosol, Cloud, & Ocean Ecosystem Mission

Ocean Ecosystems

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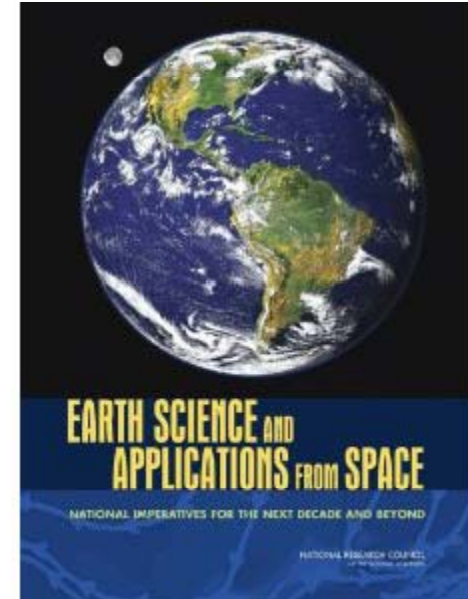
ACE Ocean Ecosystem Science

ACE ecosystem measurements target:

1. Phytoplankton CO₂ uptake (i.e., photosynthesis)
2. Carbon flow through ecosystems
3. Harmful algal blooms
4. Climate forcings on ocean ecosystems
5. Impacts of aeolian fertilization
6. Ecosystem structure influencing carbon uptake
7. Organic carbon stocks
8. Reduce uncertainties in model predictions

ACE instrument suite will contribute to:

1. Atmospheric correction for ecosystem products
2. Aerosol-Ecosystem interactions
3. Characterization of ecosystem stocks





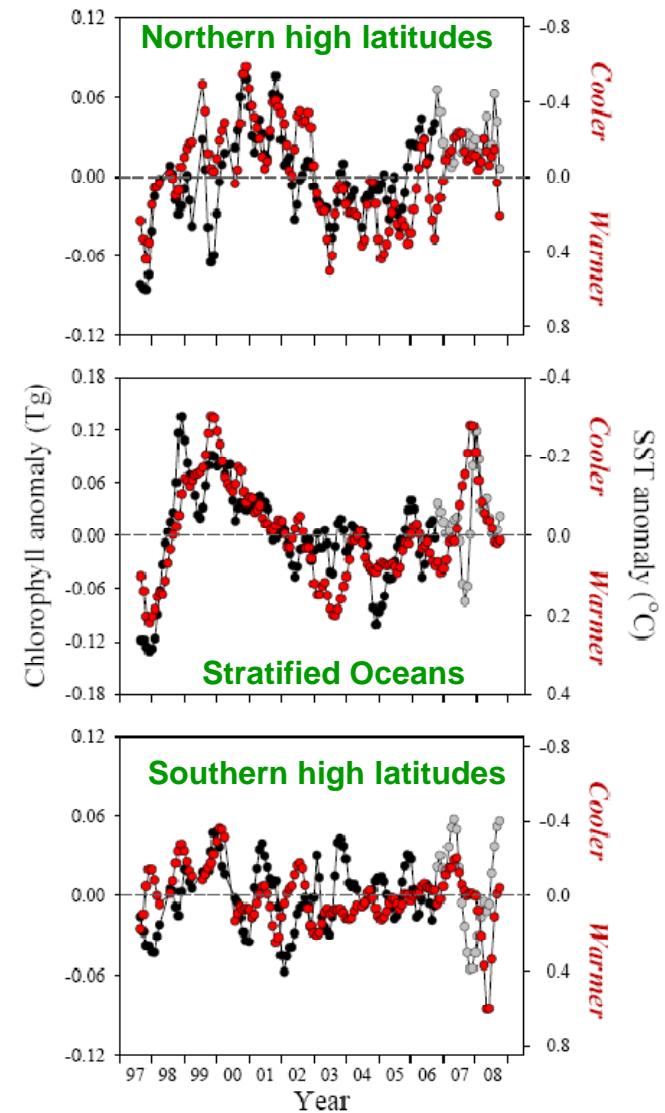
Climate Change and Ocean Ecosystems

DS Objective: Evaluate effect of climate change on ocean ecosystems

Current Status: Heritage satellite observations show clear link between ‘ocean color’ (interpreted as chlorophyll stocks) and changes in temperature and stratification at regional to global scale

Issues:

- (1) What are the mechanisms of such relationships?
 - Phytoplankton or dissolved organics?
 - Biomass or physiology?
- (2) Why do high latitudes differ from expectations?
- (3) What are the ecological implications?
 - Positively or negatively correlated with productivity?
 - Shifts in species composition or functional groups?



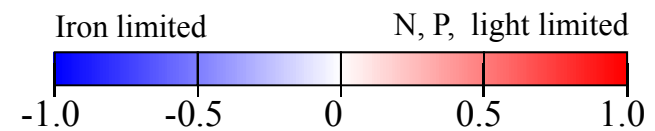
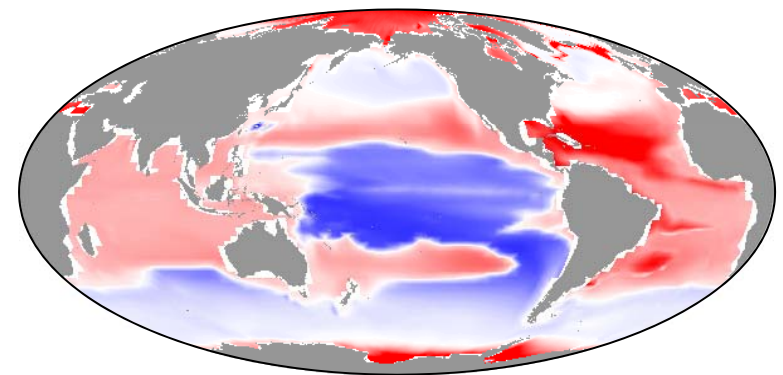
Climate Change and Ocean Ecosystems

DS Objective: Reduce uncertainties in predicted climate change effects on ocean ecosystems and carbon budget

Current Status: Ocean Circulation Ecosystem Models provide a tool for evaluating climate change impacts on ocean productivity, carbon stocks, and major phytoplankton groups

Issues:

- (1) Many modeled ecosystem properties are not currently derived with heritage satellite observational bands
- (2) Uncertainties in current satellite products compromise model evaluations



Model-based prediction of factors limiting phytoplankton growth



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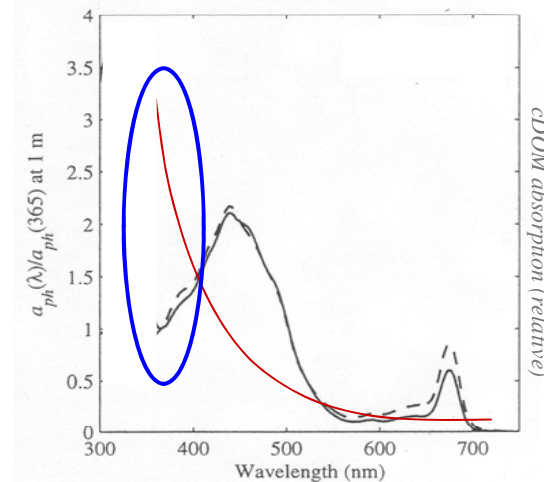
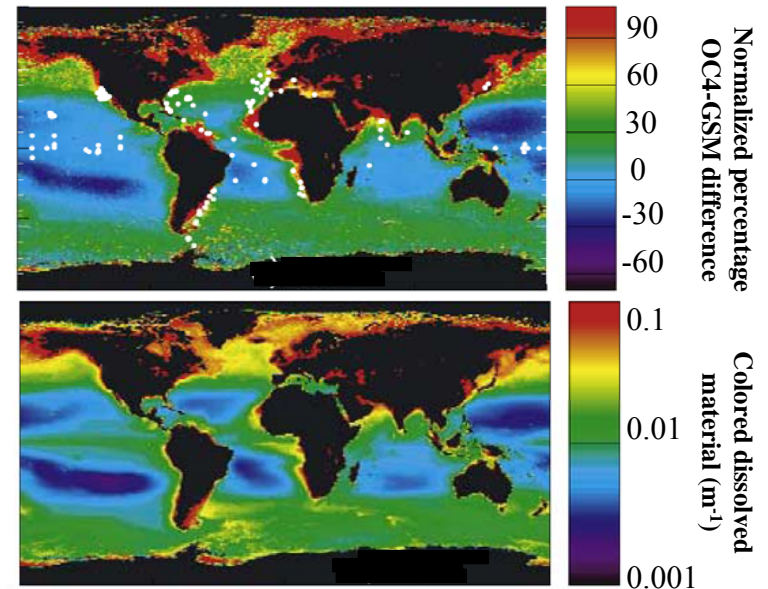
Specific Paths for Scientific Advances

Paths for Scientific Advances

DS Objective: Accurate separation of pigments and colored dissolved organic matter (cDOM)

Current Status: Uncertainty in pigment-cDOM retrievals introduce ocean productivity uncertain of order 10 Pg C y^{-1}

Approach: Measurements in *near-UV* will enable more accurate separation of absorbing compounds



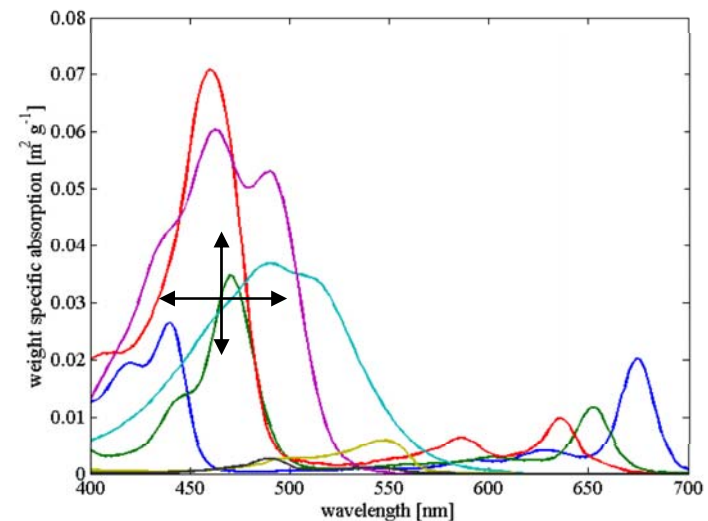
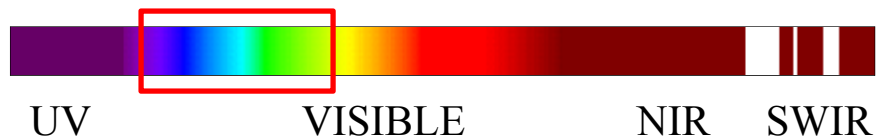


Paths for Scientific Advances

DS Objective: Assess ocean phytoplankton productivity and change

Current Status: Productivity is a function of light absorption by phytoplankton, not simply chlorophyll concentration. Heritage satellite bands limit evaluation of spectral absorption

Approach: Increase spectral *resolution in the blue-green region* to characterize pigment absorption amplitude and breadth



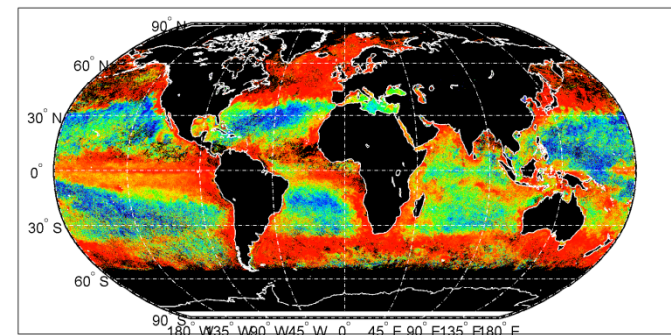
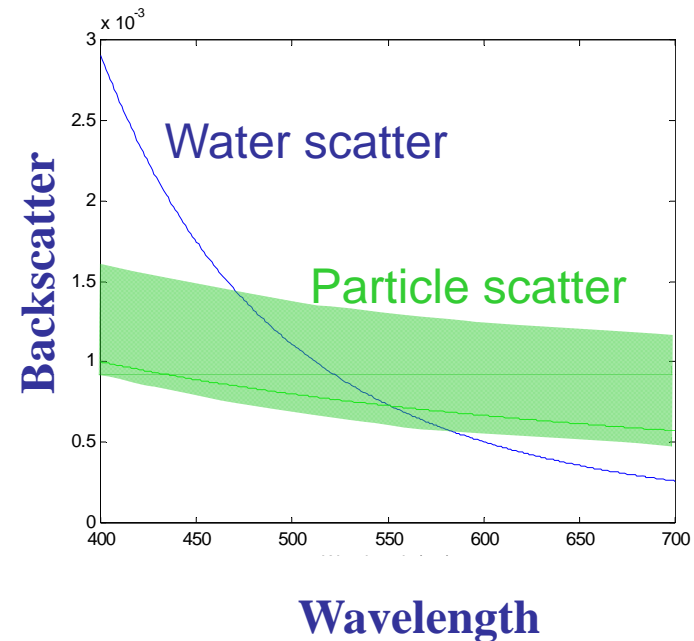


Paths for Scientific Advances

DS Objective: Quantify ocean ecosystem change and carbon stocks

Current Status: Changes in ecosystem structure impact particle size distributions, which in turn influence optical backscattering properties and their relation to particulate organic carbon (POC). Heritage bands limit evaluation of spectral shape of backscattering

Approach: Increase measurement *resolution in the green-yellow region* ('flat area of pigment absorption spectra) to characterize spectral backscattering slope and POC



Paths for Scientific Advances

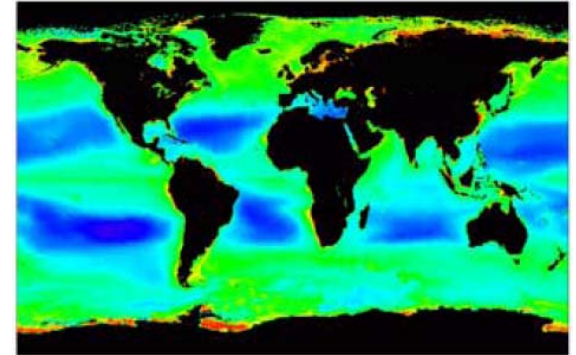
DS Objective: Estimate carbon uptake through ocean ecosystems

Current Status: Photosynthesis is the first step in ecosystem carbon uptake and is a product of both phytoplankton carbon stock and physiological state (i.e., 'health').

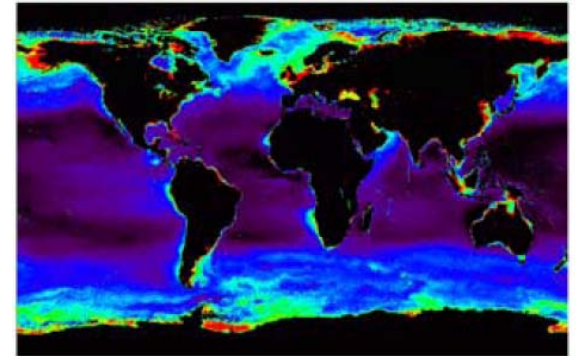
Approach: Improved spectral resolution in the *UV and visible region* allows retrieval of phytoplankton carbon (from backscattering) and physiology (from ratio of carbon-to-pigment absorption)



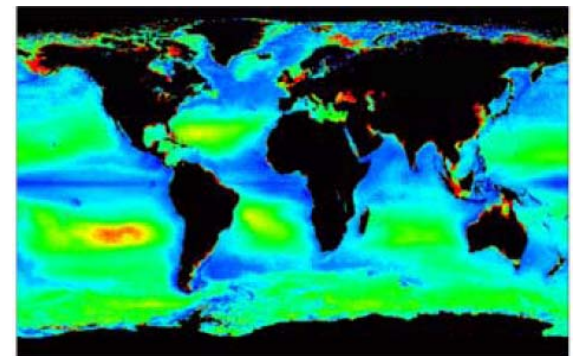
Chlorophyll



Carbon



Carbon:Chl



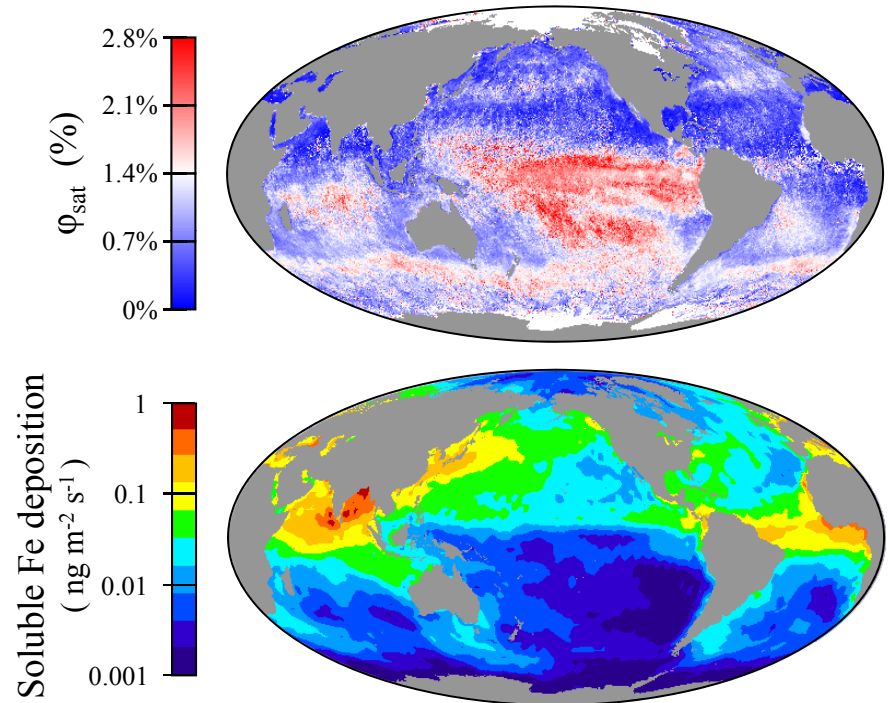


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DS Objective: Evaluate aeolian fertilization on marine ecosystems

Current Status: MODIS Aqua data reveal high phytoplankton fluorescence yields under low iron conditions, allowing study of aeolian fertilization effects. However, currently planned US ocean sensors lack fluorescence bands

Approach: Include chlorophyll fluorescence detection bands





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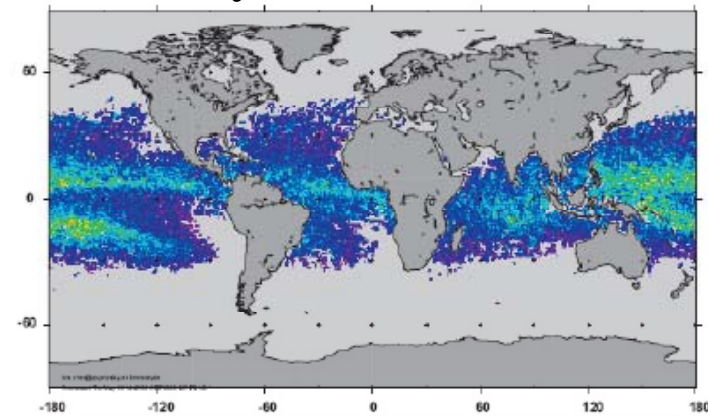
DS Objective: Assess effects of climate forcings on ocean ecosystems and harmful algal blooms

Current Status: Key phytoplankton groups have unique absorption features that can be detected through derivative analyses of high spectral resolution remote sensing data (as demonstrated using SCIAMACHY). Algorithms have also been developed for single specific groups (N-fixers, calcifiers)

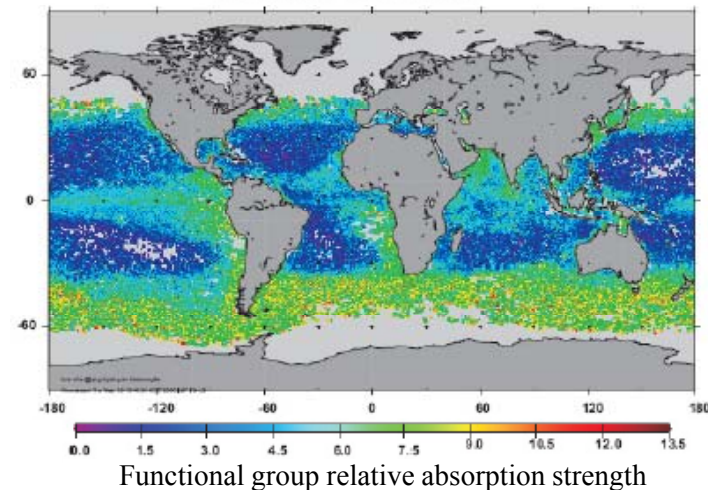
Approach: Measure and downlink UV through visible data at 5 nm resolution



cyanobacteria



diatoms



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DS Objective: Quantify ecosystem carbon and productivity

Current Status: Key properties in optically complex coastal and inland waters can be retrieved from measurements near the 'red edge' of pigment absorption

Approach: Extend high resolution measurements from the visible into the near infrared

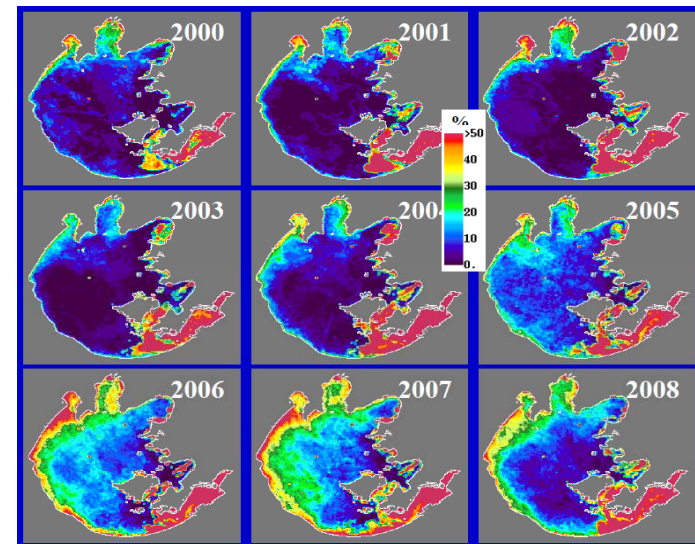


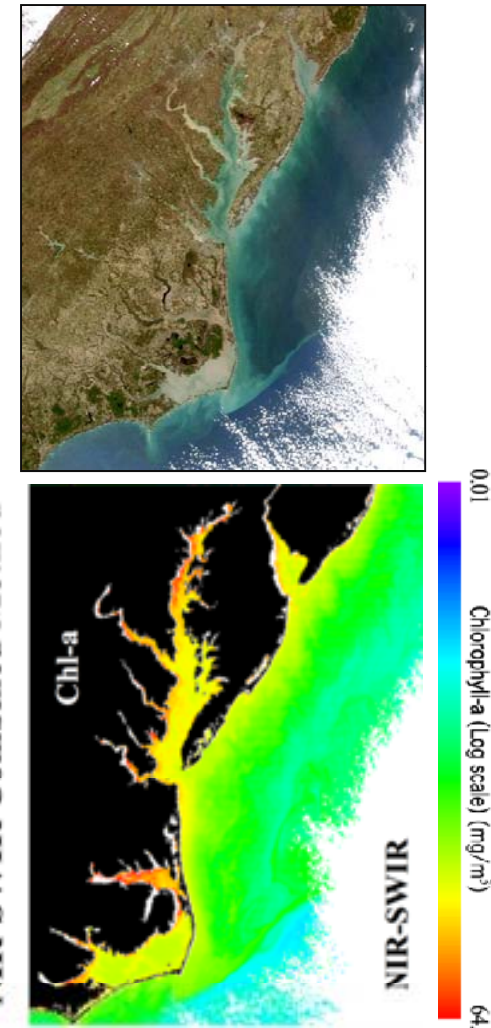
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Paths for Scientific Advances

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Current Status: In highly-productive but turbid ocean areas, atmospheric corrections must be based on measurements at wavelengths longer than the NIR

Approach: Include discrete measurements bands in the short-wave infrared (SWIR)





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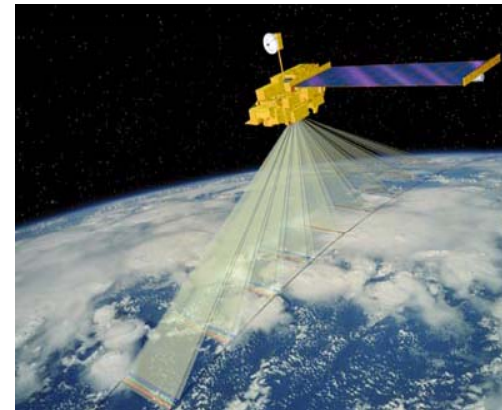
Multi-instrument,
Cross-disciplinary
Science with ACE



Benefits for ACE instrument suite

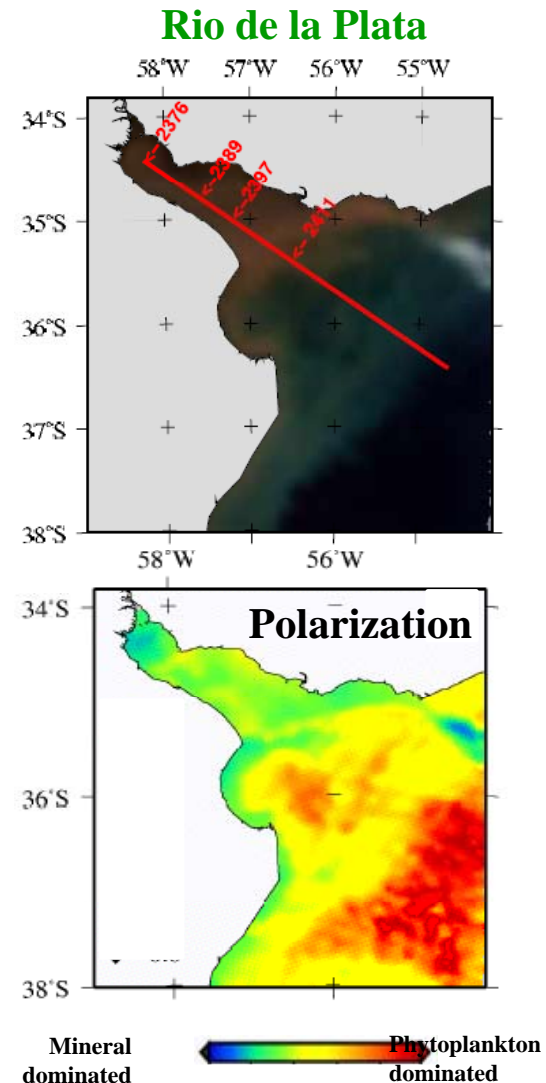
Improved Atmospheric Corrections ($>90\%$ of TOA signal)

- ❑ **Passive radiometer**: UV (350 nm) spectral ‘anchoring’; NIR & SWIR
- ❑ **Polarimeter**: Aerosol Characterization
- ❑ **LIDAR**: Aerosol Heights



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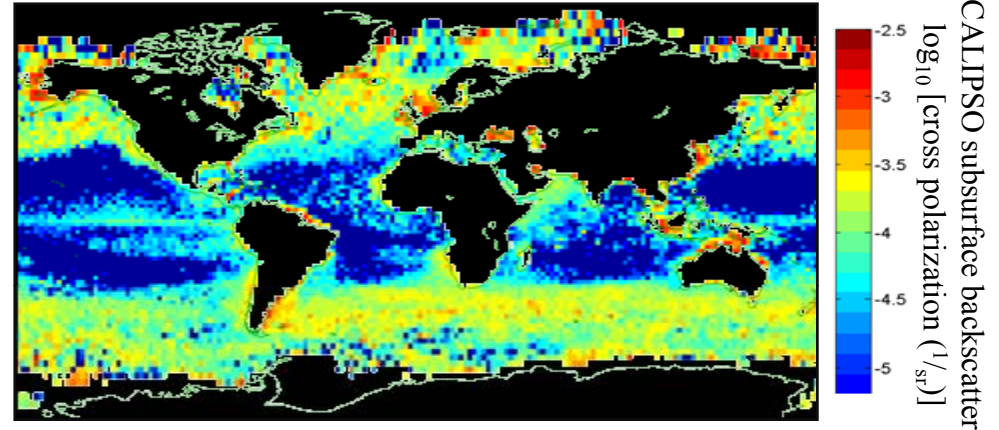
- ❑ *Carbon dynamics* are influenced by biotic and mineral particles, which have different polarization properties
- ❑ Combining passive ocean radiometer data with **polarimeter measurements** allows characterization of particle assemblages, as recently demonstrated with POLDER data
- ❑ Improves understanding *land-ocean materials exchange and carbon flow*



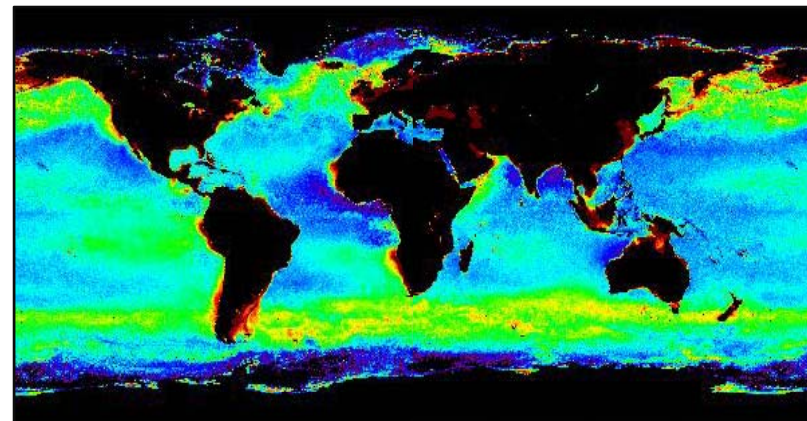
Benefits for ACE instrument suite

- ❑ Ocean subsurface LIDAR returns demonstrated using CALIOP measurements, although improved vertical resolution needed
- ❑ Provides independent measure of *backscatter* and *particle profiling*.
- ❑ LIDAR surface measurements may also significantly improve *air-sea CO₂ exchange estimates*

Lidar results



Inversion results



Data from Yong Hu, NASA Langley



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Ocean Ecosystem Science Traceability Matrix (STM)

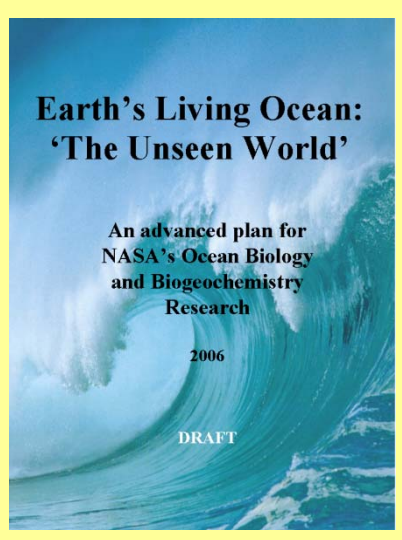


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Category	Focused Questions*	Approach	Maps to Science Question	Measurement Requirements	Instrument Requirements	Platform Requirements	Other Needs
Ocean Biology	1 What are the standing stocks, composition, & productivity of ocean ecosystems? How and why are they changing? [OBB1]	Quantify phytoplankton biomass, pigments, optical properties, key groups (functional/HARS), and productivity using models & chlorophyll	1	Water-leaving radiances in near-ultraviolet, visible, &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 nm resolution 350 to 755 nm 1000 – 1500 SNR for 15 nm aggregate bands UV & visible 10 nm fluorescence bands (440, 490, 555, 678, 710, 748 nm centers) 40 nm width atmospheric correction bands at 748, 765, 820, 865, 1245, 1640, 2135 nm 5% radiometric temporal stability (month demonstrated prelaunch) 2% cross track scanning error or tilt ($\pm 20^\circ$) for glint avoidance 0.1% polarization insensitive (<1.0%) 1 km spatial resolution @ nadir 10% saturation in UV to NIR bands 10 year minimum design lifetime 	Orbit permitting 2-day global coverage of ocean radiometer measurements	Global data sets from missions, models, or field observations: <i>Measurement Requirements</i> (1) Ozone (2) Total water vapor (3) Surface wind velocity (4) Surface barometric pressure (5) NO ₂ concentration (6) Vicarious calibration & validation ** (7) Full prelaunch characterization (2% accuracy radiometric) <i>Science Requirements</i> (1) SST (2) SSH (3) PAR (4) UV (5) MLD (6) CO ₂ (7) pH (8) Ocean circulation (9) Aerosol deposition (10) run-off loading in coastal zone
	2 How and why are ocean biogeochemical cycles changing? How do they influence the Earth system? [OBB2]	Measure particulate carbon pools, fluxes, and optical properties				Sun-synchronous orbit with crossing time between 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	
	3 What are the material exchanges between land and ocean? How do they influence coastal ecosystems, biogeochemistry & habitats? How are they changing? [OBB1,2,3]	Quantify ocean & atmospheric exchanges				Storage and download of full spectral and spatial data	
	4 How do aerosols & clouds influence ocean ecosystems & biogeochemical cycles? How do ocean biological & photochemical processes affect the atmosphere and Earth system? [OBB2]	Combine ACE observations with (1) air-sea exchange, (2) impacts on physical properties (SST, SSH, etc), (3) dynamics, horizontal				Monthly lunar calibration at 7° phase angle through Earth observing port	
	5 How do physical ocean processes affect ocean ecosystems & biogeochemistry? How do ocean biological processes influence ocean physics? [OBB1,2]	Combine ACE observations with (1) air-sea exchange, (2) impacts on physical properties				Observation angles: 60° to 140° Resolution: 5° Degree of polarization: 1%	
	6 What is the distribution of algal blooms and their relation to harmful algal and eutrophication events? How are these events changing? [OBB1,4]	Assess ocean radiative feedbacks				Biogeochemistry Measurements • Round-robin algorithm testing • Instrument & protocols development, validation • Inter-instrument measurement comparisons • Ocean biomes (coast/open ocean) • Chlorophyll, POC, DOM, pCO ₂ , PSDs, IOPs, etc. • Bio-available Fe concentrations	
		Conduct field measurements and modeling to validate retrievals from the pelagic to near-shore environments	2 5 3 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand model capabilities to assimilate variables such as NPP, IOPs, and phytoplankton species/functional group concentrations. Improve model process parameterizations, e.g., particle fluxes 	Ecosystem Modeling		

Each question maps to the OBBP plan



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	2 How and why are ocean biogeochemical cycles changing? How do they influence the Earth system? [OBB2]	Measure carbon pools and optical	Particulate & dissolved carbon		Measurement requirements: Ozone
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	4 How do aerosols & clouds influence ocean ecosystems & biogeochemical cycles? How do ocean biological & photochemical processes affect the atmosphere and Earth system? [OBB2]	Estimate particle abundance, size distribution	Particle a		Surface velocity
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Ecosystem stocks & changes

Changes in ocean biogeochemistry

Coastal system & land-ocean exchange

Ocean-atmosphere interactions

Interaction of physics & ecosystems

Phytoplankton blooms & eutrophication

Characterize phytoplankton communities & rates

Particulate & dissolved carbon

Photochemical

Particle abundance

Assimilation

Comparison with ground-based

Evaluate air-sea exchange & aerosol/cloud properties with obs.

Ocean radiant heating & feedback

Field measurements & models to validate retrievals

Numbers link Approaches to Science Questions

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	<div>2</div> How and why are biogeochemical cycles changing? How do they influence the Earth system? [OBB2]	Assimilate ACE observations	Scattering & depth profile	<div>Polarimeter</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation angles: 60° to 140° Angle resolution: 5° Degree of polarization: 1% 	Sun-synchronous orbit with crossing time between 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	
	<div>3</div> What are the major exchanges between the ocean and atmosphere? How do they influence coastal ecosystems, biogeochemistry, and climate? How are they changing? [OBB1,2,3]	Assimilate ACE observations	Scattering & depth profile	<div>Polarimeter</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation angles: 60° to 140° Angle resolution: 5° Degree of polarization: 1% 	Storage and download of full spectral and spatial data	
	<div>4</div> How do aerosols influence ocean biological & biogeochemical cycles? How do ocean biological & biogeochemical cycles influence aerosols? [OBB1,2,3]	Assimilate ACE observations	Scattering & depth profile	<div>Polarimeter</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation angles: 60° to 140° Angle resolution: 5° Degree of polarization: 1% 	Monthly lunar calibration at 7° phase angle through Earth observing port	
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Ocean Ecosystem Spectrometer

- UV/Vis high spectral resolution
- Fluorescence capability
- NIR & SWIR bands
- Sensor tilt

Lidar: aerosol profile
subsurface scattering

Requirements for Polarimeter
defined by Aerosol Team

Expanding field component
critical to new ACE products

Value of ACE data for models &
Value of models for ACE science

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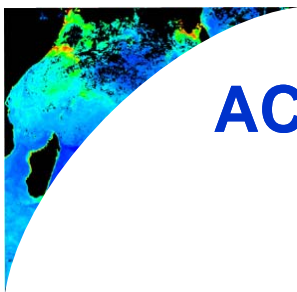
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ACE Ocean Ecosystem Field and Development Activities & Requirements



ACE Ocean Parameters & Climate Data Records

Heritage CDRs

- Normalized water-leaving radiances
- Chlorophyll-a
- Diffuse attenuation coefficient (490 nm)

*Field Accuracy
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ACE Candidate CDRs

- Inherent optical properties
- Spectral K_d
- Spectral RSR
- Particulate organic carbon concentration
- Primary production
- Calcite concentration
- Colored dissolved organic matter
- Photosynthetically available radiation
- Fluorescence line height
- Euphotic depth
- Total suspended matter
- Trichodesmium concentration

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ACE Ocean Parameters & Climate Data Records

Research products

- Particle size distributions & composition
- Phytoplankton carbon
- Dissolved organic matter/carbon
- Physiological properties
- Other plant pigment
- Export production
- Taxonomic groups

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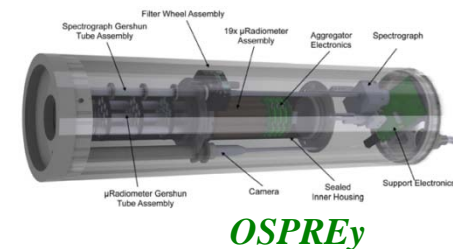
PRODUCT ASSESSMENTS



ACE Ocean Parameters & Climate Data Records

- **Ocean radiometer vicarious calibration technology development**

- Extended wavelength range and spectral resolution compared to heritage instruments
- Campaign formulation for suborbital and field measurements – plan formulation needed



- **Data collection for novel products algorithm development**

- Extended wavelength range for in-water optics
- Novel products require development of measurement techniques/protocols for validation: *particle size spectra, phytoplankton functional types, phytoplankton carbon, solar-stimulated chlorophyll fluorescence, physiological diagnostics*

- **Algorithm development**

- Expanded product suite from spectral inversion algorithms
- Merging sensor data (radiometer, polarimeter, LIDAR) for atmospheric corrections
- Expanding derivative analysis products
- Development opportunities with existing data sets



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